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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF HODGE PRESBYTERIAN

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Words from Pastor Joe

IT'S ALL ABOUT WHO YOU KNOW

When I was in California I played tennis early in the morning a couple of times a week. My tennis partner was a man by the name of Gary Depollo. I really didn't know a lot about Gary even though we had a great time playing tennis and drinking coffee afterwards. One day I asked him where he worked and he said he worked in the city (San Francisco) and his office was in the Trans America building. At one point in time I had the opportunity, believe it or not, to paint all forty six stories of the escape stairwells of the Trans America building. One day when I was painting and was wearing a pair of coveralls covered with paint I decided to look Gary up and just say hi. I went to the reception desk in the lobby and asked where Gary Depollo's office might be. The security guard looked at me like I was crazy and I am sure the way I looked I

Church Events

- Nov 1st– 9:00 Sunday School
10:00 Worship
- Nov 5th –Youth Hall reserved
- Nov 8th– 9:00 Sunday School
10:00 Worship
- Nov 15th– 9:00 Sunday School
10:00 Worship
- Nov 18th — Session Meeting
- Nov 22nd 9:00 Sunday School
10:00 Worship
- Nov 29th 9:00 Sunday School
10:00 Worship
Fellowship Dinner

might have been suspected of being a terrorist. He began to question me about how I knew Mr. Depollo and then he informed me that Gary was actually the CEO of Trans America and his office was the entire 38th floor.

I was stunned but when the receptionist called his office a very protective executive secretary asked, in a very professional voice, if I had an appointment. She seemed offended but asked Gary about some guy named MacDonald who wanted to see him. She reluctantly told me to come up. You need to understand that when the elevator opened to the 38th floor I was looking directly at this very stern executive secretary who I am sure thought I was something from a circus. She then said, "Excuse me who are you?" When I gave her my name Gary heard me from the background and said "Hey Joe, come on in". I had no idea who he



Oh give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name;
Make known His deeds among the peoples.

was or that he and his entire staff enjoyed surround windows on the entire floor. What a view of the city!

I imagine something similar happening when we stand before God and he says "Who are you?" And then hear the voice of Jesus from inside those beautiful gates call out and say Hey Joe, or your name as well, come on in. This one belongs to me and my blood has covered his sins.

Ultimately it really does matter WHO you know.

Blessings, Pastor Joe



PRAYER CONCERNS

Our elderly & shut-ins, Jean Endecott, Finis Brundage, Lisa Wallace, Pam & Torrey Thrash, Sully Tow, Dallas Hall, Chance Golden, Leslie West, Dan Maxey, Larry Swann, Josh Stocker, Richard Stocker, Mackenzie Cunningham, Daniel Schmitz, Gini Stratton, Jeanie Stewart, Barb Hawkins, Janet Axsom, Cindy Bowers, George Brundage, Helen Holck, Randall Baker, Boo Peterie, Macy Lambert, Linda Lynch, Vernon Norris, Debra Moore Huffstutter, Janice Vanderslice, Jack Bain, Leslie Arnold, Lisa Guy, Gretchen Ralston, Martha Maloney, Kim Cleeton, Daniel Schmitz, Daniel Troyer, Chris Altes, Mike King, Doug Eller, Linda Cowling, Jack Distefano, Nicole Neal, Jim Nowell

*Our church leaders, local, state and national leaders, our military & families, people of Ukraine, victims & families of those involved in shooting tragedies.

SYMPATHY TO: Families of Ann Brinser, Betty Jo Smith, Lila Weissenbach

GRVCO

The Grand River Valley Choir and Orchestra will begin their 8 weekly Tuesday rehearsals on October 17, 6:30-8:30; choir in the THS Choir Room, Orchestra in the THS Band Room.

The choir is seeking singers in all voices. If you want more information, or are planning to participate, contact Linda Arnold, Choral Conductor, at lkarnold55@gmail.com, or 660.605.1472, so music can be ordered for you.

The orchestra is an auditioned instrumental ensemble. If you are proficient on violin, viola, or cello, contact Chris Thomas, Orchestral Conductor at thomasclmusician@gmail.com, or 804.878.1972, to discuss an audition.

The GRVCO Winter Concert is scheduled for December 9 at 3:00 p.m. in the Trenton R-IX Performing Arts Center. As plans develop, they will be shared through the news media, Trenton Chamber of Commerce, area churches, the GRVCO website, and our Facebook Page.

THANK YOU!

Karla Hannaford

GRVCO Board Secretary

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OCTOBER USHERS

1 Deanna and Tom

8 Karla and Dana

15 Dan and Bev

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Announcements



Deacons meeting at 8:30am on October 1st



Fellowship meal following church on October 29th



This Sunday we will be sharing our Sanctuary and
Worship Service with our brothers and sisters in
Christ from Wesley Methodist Church.

OCTOBER DATES TO REMEMBER

- 1 Jeremy Chambers
- 5 Charlie Jack Hoffman
Bev Bosley
- 6 Neil & Helen Holck
- 8 Lucas & Jenny Lewis
- 10 Dustin Todd
Jack Jones
- 11 Easton Buenemann
- 13 Andrew Sartorius
Sena Arnold
- 16 Helen Holck
Jon Guthrie
- 18 Sarah Maloney
- 21 Joe & Pam MacDonald
- 25 Janice Vanderslice
Jackson Lewis
- 26 Kelly Houck
- 28 David & Terri Critten
- 29 Adriane Todd
- 30 Rachel McCarter

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